



## **Renfrew County District School Board**

### **Director's Report - June 16, 2008**

#### **RCDSB Students Achieve Success on Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test**

Eighty-five percent (85%) of secondary students in the Renfrew County District School Board achieved success on their first attempt at the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). This is the fourth year in a row that over 80% of students in the Renfrew County District School Board have been successful on their first attempt and the second year at 85%, which is slightly higher than results of the province as a whole. Our consistently high results reflect the commitment of our secondary teachers to incorporate the teaching of reading and writing skills into all areas of the curriculum and the seriousness with which our students prepare for this graduation requirement.

While the Board congratulates all students on their success, it takes particular satisfaction in the results of students identified with special needs. Fifty-eight percent (58%) of these students were successful on this first attempt, which is six percentage points above the province as a whole.

#### **McNab Public School Recognized as a "School on the Move"**

After a rigorous selection process, McNab Public School has recently learned that it has earned the designation of a "School on the Move" based upon the following criteria:

- Use of evidence-based strategies supported by research to ensure that all students learn;
- Staff members who understand and can describe the practices and strategies used to improve student learning;
- Classroom evidence of student achievement and growth over time;
- Demonstrated and sustained improvement in EQAO scores in reading, writing, and mathematics in both grades 3 and 6.

The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat initiated the Schools on the Move project as a means of showcasing excellence and promoting collaboration, partnering, and networking among schools from across the province. The McNab team recently attended a provincial symposium and the school will be featured in a special LNS publication so that other schools can learn from their experiences.

#### **RCDSB Schools Recognized in Provincial Publication**

The Education Quality and Accountability Office recently published a document called *Inspiration and Celebration - Strategies that Work: Tools, Tips, and Techniques from Ontario Educators for Supporting Student Achievement*. Included within the document are elementary and secondary schools with success stories to share, based upon improvement and achievement on EQAO provincial assessments. The Renfrew County District School Board is well-represented by Queen Elizabeth Public School in Renfrew, Fellowes High School in Pembroke, Madawaska Valley District High School in Barry's Bay, General Panet High School in Petawawa, and Renfrew Collegiate Institute in Renfrew. We are pleased that the quality of education provided in our schools has been recognized by the EQAO, and we congratulate the students, staff, and families of these schools as they continue to promote excellence in teaching and learning.

## **Reporting to the Ministry**

In May/June, there are the following points of accountability:

- Monitoring Visit of LNS regarding Schools on the Move;
- Progress Report on CODE Aboriginal Project;
- Report on Ontario Psychological Association Funding;
- Capital Activity Report;
- Plan submitted on behalf of Community Partners for Student Support funding;
- Report on Literacy Basic Skills Program Expenditures;
- Monitoring Visit of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat regarding OFIP and SEF;
- Report confirming Secondary School Class Size;
- Financial Reports including Budget Estimates;
- Primary Class Size Plan;
- End of Year Reports on Use of Special Grants for Environmental Education, Character Education, DPA Healthy Schools, Principal/VP Appraisal, Teacher Performance Appraisal, Tutors in the Classroom, CODE Special Education, ETFO Poverty Project, OTF Safe Schools Project, New Teacher Induction Program, Aboriginal Education, Lighthouse Projects, Boys Literacy

## **Upcoming Events**

Student Celebration of "Schools on the Move" Designation - McNab Public School - June 20, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Elementary and Secondary School Graduations